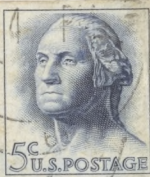


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SAH Participates In '64 Youth Forum

The nineteenth annual New York Herald Tribune World Youth Forum has selected its United States delegate. This year outstanding students from abroad will come to spend three months here and learn of our way of life, views and thinking. The American delegates will help promulgate better understanding through personal contact with these other delegates.

The United States representative was selected from competition among 180 high schools in New York area. This year, Crystal Jaklitsch was chosen to represent SAH at the preliminary round at Eastern District High School. The competition was held on Friday, October 9th. Mr. Robert S. Huffman, director of the World Youth Forum, presided. The topic for discussion on that day was, "What is America's Role of Leadership in the World?" This discussion included all aspects of the United States from aid to military defense.

The preliminary competition was won by Robert Harp of Eastern District High School. Harp and all other preliminary winners appear on televised discussions viewed on CBS at 3:00 P.M. on Saturdays. On the October 31st telecast, the winner was chosen.

The United States delegate, with other semi-finalist, will spend seven weeks in Europe this summer, taking with them the history and customs and the social, economic and political concerns of the United States. Through the World Youth Forum, high school students may be able to give people a better view of the United States.

Angelus Conducts Class

On any Thursday afternoon in Room 304, you can find the Cub Class of '64. It is rather a large group this year with thirteen freshmen, seven sophomore, and two juniors.

If they succeed in fulfilling the requirements of the journalism course, the *Angelus*' strength will be increased to fifty writers or one-sixth of the school's student body.

The cubs are: Pat Babb, M. A. Bassi, R. Bouchard, E. Fennelly, L. Gargano, M. Lapinski, J. Maresca, L. Niechmiedowicz, L. Quigley, S. Rogers, D. Tassone, M. A. Williams, P. Wilkins, M. Bouchard, T. Cirillo, Anne and Geraldine Dalesandro, M. E. Donovan, J. O'Brien, and Marie Orlando; Pat Nieto and Mary Didié.



SAH Inducts Student Council

On Tuesday, October 6th, in the school auditorium, students proudly witnessed the induction of the 1964-65 Student Council officers. These new officers, Marian Cassata, president; Ann Orlando, vice-president; Jane Fox, secretary; and Marie DiStefano, treasurer; have proven themselves worthy of their new positions by constantly displaying the characteristics essential to the executive members of the Student Council: intelligence, integrity, loyalty, and school interest. Most of all, however, they proved their ability to work with both the faculty and the student body.

Last year, Marian Cassata and Ann Orlando led a successful drive for a Junior Prom in the school — the first in the long history of St. Angela Hall. In the same vein, Jane Fox and Marie DiStefano did much to make the sophomore's annual spring dance the huge success it was.

Also on stage with the new officers were the other members of the Student Council. These included the presidents of the various school activities.

Sister Maria Frederick presided over the assembly and after the official promises were made, the new officers recited the Student Council prayer, thus invoking spiritual guidance for Student Council endeavors.

With the beginning of the new school year goes a hope for the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Student Council under the direction of Sister Marie Regina: the strengthening and encouragement of unity throughout the entire student body, so that all will have one common goal: the general benefit of SAH.

SAH Joins A & S

Junior Alanna Wilkinson has been chosen to represent St. Angela Hall on the 1964-65 A & S Senior High Fashion Board, succeeding Joan Casabona. Alanna's job consists of being a fashion liaison between her school and Abraham & Straus, which is the third largest department store in the country. At school, Alanna is active on the newspaper staff and is a member of the dramatics club and the National Honor Society.

Girls Learn to Lead

Every year, a group of girls are given a chance to see how our state and city governments are run. New York high schools which participate in this program sponsored by the American Auxiliary Legion, send one girl to some New York college for eight days during the summer. These girls are chosen for their leadership and interest in civics. The representative from S.A.H. this year was senior Maureen Krauch.

The girls who took part in this program ran their own government. In the mornings they attended lectures explaining how various state and city officials were elected and the duties which their offices entailed. These lectures were given by representatives from the various branches of the government were discussed.



Sister Marie Fredrick

Seniors Receive N.M.S.Q.T. Commendations

Two seniors at SAH have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) given last spring. Each student who is endorsed by his school receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Sister Maria Frederick, the school's principal, has announced that the commended students are: Lillian Christman and Maureen Krauch.

The commended students were among the high school juniors in approximately 17,000 schools who took the NMSQT last March. The test is a three-hour examination that covers five separate areas of educational development. It was the first step in the tenth annual Merit Program.

The annual Merit Scholarship competition is open to all high schools in the United States and its territories. There are about 5,000 Merit Scholars currently enrolled in more than 400 colleges and universities. Approximately 9,100 Merit Scholars have been appointed to date. This year's program will conclude about April 28, 1965, with the naming of Finalists who will receive four-year Merit Scholarships to the colleges of their choice.

Scholarships awarded through the Merit Program are financed by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation itself and by more than 230 sponsoring business corporations, foundations, colleges, unions trusts, professional associations, and individuals.

Fordham Conference Held

The seventeenth annual Catholic Publication Conference was held on Saturday, October 4th, at Fordham University.

This conference, which was tended by Mary Ellen Donovan, Jill Inzerille and Mary Margaret Flynn, began at 9:00 A.M. and lasted until 4:00 P.M.

Among the speakers were Dr. James Flynn, Executive Secretary of this conference, Dr. Russell Jandoli, Chairman of Journalism at St. Bonaventure University, Dr. C. J. Leabo, Assistant Director of National Scholastic Press Association at Bethesda-Chevy Chase H. S., Maryland.

The main purpose of this conference was aimed at explaining the technique of good writing to improve school newspapers and yearbooks.

JUNIORS, SENIORS TAKE PSAT

All the juniors of SAH and those seniors who are members of the National Honor Society participated in the Preliminary Aptitude Test, known as the PSAT, on October 24, 1964.

For the juniors this test was a preparation for the Scholastic Aptitude Test which is an objective test designed to measure how well the individual student has developed his verbal and mathematical skills.

The seniors who participated in this test were competing for scholarships granted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Although the PSAT is shorter than the SAT, the questions are basically the same. The SAT is the more important of the two, however, for it is sent to the various colleges which the student is applying to for admission. Although it is not an infallible measure of an individual's academic ability, colleges need a common measure of ability that applies to all students.

When SAT scores are considered together with high school records, letters of recommendation, and interview reports, they can forecast quite accurately how well a particular student is likely to succeed in college.

Drive Is A Success

Once more the student body, under the direction of Sister Grace Avila, reached its quota for the yearbook drive.

From October 5th to the 20th, Angies diligently worked to support the popular senior project. A quota of \$5,000 was attended by selling space for yearbook advertisements. Linda Kisielewski directed this ad drive.

Support was also earned by various projects of the senior class. Kathryn Kellerman prepared for a mammoth cake sale, while Gloria Jaworski sold raffle tickets for the basket of fruit. These girls appreciated the thanks which were awarded them for their enthusiasm and support.

WELCOME ABOARD

Mr. Webster defines welcomes as a "kindly greeting," or a "kind reception." And so, the editors and staff of the Angelus as well as the entire student body wish to welcome Sister Maria Frederick, the new members of our faculty, and the Class of 1968.

To Sister Maria Frederick, we offer a special welcome. We hope that her years at St. Angela Hall will be happy ones, filled with joy and laughter. Striving to continue and fulfill the ideals of St. Angela Hall, we, the students, will study with a renewed fervor, realizing that hard work is the only road to success and happiness. Be assured, Sister, that we will support your every endeavor, knowing that it is for our benefit and for the benefit of our school. Your cause is our cause, your aims are our aims, your hopes are our hopes. As each day passes, and our faces become familiar to you, we hope to establish a lasting bond, a bond that unites us in the reality of today.

To the new faculty members, we offer a friendly welcome. You have already been introduced to many of the wonderful traditions of the school and in the coming months will discover many more. You will grow in the family-like spirit that only a small school can have. You will help us decorate for dances, sing Christmas carols with us, meet our Dads and shed a few tears with us in June. You will find that St. Angela Hall is "like no other," and is so wonderful in its own unique way.

To the Freshmen, we offer a sisterly welcome. You are now an Angelite, a title that you will proudly bear for the next four years. To be an Angelite is to be a girl who cares, a girl who loves, a girl who understands. And by June, 1968, you will care — care about the lasting friendships that you have made; you will love — love the Sisters, love the school, love the name — Saint Angela Hall; you will understand — understand yourself, understand others, understand the complex being that is man. Your experiences in the next four years will be varied; the fun of Canada and Washington, D. C., the nostalgia at Christmas, the loneliness of the locker room at 4:30, the surge of pride when you sing the school song, the excitement of a basketball game, the joy of Ring Day, the sadness at graduation.

Yet each of these experiences will be part of growing up, will be part of you, will be part of St. Angela Hall.

"Through all our years,
Midst smiles and tears,
We'll bind our hearts to you."

Why Must We Be Branded?

Every time you pick up a newspaper or turn on the radio or television, a story about the criminal actions of some delinquents is included. In books and movies, the lives of teen-age delinquents are presented in gory detail. Most Americans regard a "good" teen-ager as an exception to the rule.

What the people don't hear about is the good actions of the younger generation. If a teen robs an old man, the news is screamed out in big, black headlines. But if a group of teens goes to an old age home to help relieve the boredom of its residents, there is either no mention made of it, or it is given some tiny little corner among the advertisements.

People in Europe have the impression that America is over-run by teen-age murderers, thieves and dope addicts. Many Europeans have stated that they were surprised when they came to America, because of the unfavorable reports they had heard about our youth.

This publicity is bad for America because it means that she is losing the respect of other nations. But it is even worse for her teen-agers. Many are pressured into crime because they cannot get work. Employers are afraid that teen-agers will either cheat them or will not accept the responsibility which a job demands. With all the fighting about discrimination going on, teen-agers should take a stand against the discrimination shown to them because of men who deal in sensationalism.



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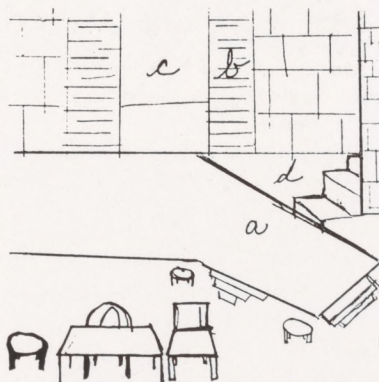
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- Platform stage of main action
- Sliding doors for entrances and exits
- Screen on which King Hamlet's ghost was projected
- Ramp for exits

"The Mousetrap"

One of the more cultural productions this year was the John Gielgud version of HAMLET, featuring the Welsh actor, Richard Burton, in the title role.

An unusual element of this version was that no make-up, costumes, or scenery were utilized. Gielgud maintained that verbal content of the play is far too important to be eclipsed by such distractions.

This idea proved quite effective, for Mr. Burton, always in black, so completely related himself to the audience that the conflict and turmoil of Hamlet was reflected in every movement.

"The Melancholy Dane" caught in the "Mousetrap" of Denmark, of his own frustrations, and of life established Burton as an acting great.

Alfred Drake as Claudius and Ellen Herlie as his wife Gertrude showed their long experience as Shakespearean actors. Ophelia, played by Linda Marsh, was a bit of a let down.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Is Civil Rights merely a law passed to soothe hurt feelings or give America a righteous appearance? Must it be enforced by law officers instead of directed by men's consciences?

The answer to all of these questions should, in my opinion, be NO. We should be motivated by the American spirit and not by prejudice. Character, ability, ambition, altruism make a good citizen, not his color of skin, or for that matter his shape of eye, or the medal he wears.

Should qualified men and women be refused positions of authority because of a genetic pigment? Is there some special difference in the texture of his money that the Negro should be refused service in a restaurant?

Over and over again I repeat NO. If all men are made in the image of God, and if all men are equal under the law of this land, then this brave new world given to this generation should follow its own beliefs.

Sincerely, Rosalie Dubanowitz

Levis Puella vs. Levis Puer

It has been said that a school is a place in which children are imbued with the culture of the society in which they live, and which prepares them for a contributory role in that society. To obtain these desired results in the best possible fashion many educators insist on separate institutions for boys and girls, whereas others insist on joint facilities.

We, the American youth, have formed our own private opinions which we will now inject, for our question is:

What are the advantages and disadvantages of separate educational facilities for boys and girls, or of co-educational institutions?

One of the advantages of separate educational facilities is less self-consciousness in the class about asking questions and doing assignments. However, one becomes self-conscious in actually talking to a boy, and usually finds it hard to accept him as a friend rather than a steady, because you feel you haven't any opportunities to meet many boys and this has to be the one.

Kathy Chodar 10³—303

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In the atmosphere of an all girls school, a girl is more relaxed and better suited for her work. She can keep a clear mind and is not distracted by "perspectives" who surround her. I don't think that this type of education hinders a girl's social life in any way. Usually she does not associate with her "school friends" after school, but is always with friends from her neighborhood.

Vera Polakas 11²—Art Room

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In my opinion co-education presents many disadvantages. In most cases those who came from an all girl or an all boy school have a more developed character. Since they have the opportunity to inquire about and receive information concerning problems which are not normally discussed in the presence of both sexes at the same time. Also there are no distractions in class which may take away from the amount of knowledge acquired. There is plenty of time for social life after school, but school time should be devoted to just learning.

Lorraine Greco 11³—203

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I feel that separate education is beneficial both scholastically and socially. Distractions are unintentionally caused and freedom of speech is prohibited. Embarrassment would be the surrounding atmosphere. Besides the fact that we would be mentally stunted, our social life would also be affected. Boys should always feel superior, and this would not always be possible in the classroom. There is a greater thrill when you haven't been with boys all week to date them on a Friday night. So I conclude that a separate system of education has many advantages.

Maryellen McKee 12¹—201

Being a student in a co-educational institution I take this viewpoint on your question:

Social Advantages:

At school dances there is no feeling of shyness. Thus you have a better time at the dances.

If you want to have a party, it's easier to get a mixed group.

In sports events there is a great deal of competition between the girls and boys, especially when we oppose each other in basketball games. In this way the school spirit is strengthened.

Social Disadvantages:

Distractions! Boys have to be on their best behavior.

Educational Advantages:

There is a great deal of competition between the girls and the boys. Marks improve on both sides of the line. If you want to impress a certain girl, keep up your marks. Besides, girls make the halls a little brighter and sweeter smelling. Did you ever smell their hair spray?

Educational Disadvantages:

Girls tend to act "silly and stupid and they giggle at every little thing." They are always trying to attract attention.

Frank A. Barone
Bushwich H. S.

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In high school one builds the foundation of your house which is higher education or college. You learn how to discipline your minds, how to relate facts from one subject to another and you acquire study habits. I think that separate educational institutions for girls and boys are required during these years for this is the time in one's life where the social activities sometimes tend to over-ride your educational goals, resulting in poor marks. Co-education is excellent for college, for you learn to apply yourself both educationally and socially with a mixed group; thus, preparing you for the outside business world where you meet all types of people.

W. Reese O'Hanlon
St. John's University

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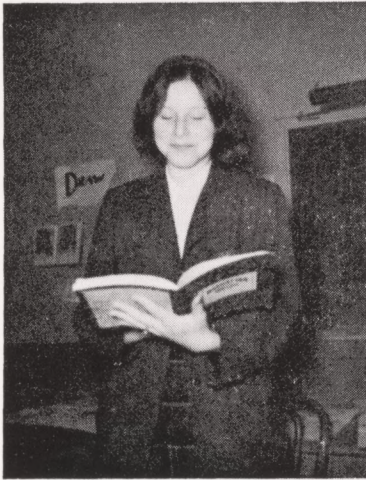
Co-education comes soon enough in college, because most of those attending, you can be sure, are not there to fool around. They've come to get an education in a certain field in order to better fulfill their role in society. However that does not mean that one can always study after school, get the picture?

Ed Pujak St. John's University

Who's Who

RUTH FENNESSY

As a member of the Ladybugs — Saint Angela's own Beatle Imitations — this blonde haired junior excels in her performance as Paul. A member of the Dramatics Club, our junior can also be seen working in the library or formulating scientific equations as a member of the Science Club.



Martha Bouchard

ROSE COSENZA

An avid student-physicist, Rose may be found on Wednesday afternoons experimenting in the lab as a member of the Science Club. She also utilizes her knowledge of French when attending her French Club meetings and upholds the rules of SAH as an active SSL member.



JoAnne Mirto

The Sporty Side of Things

This term our girls in the holly-berried colored jumpers hope to cheer the basketball team on to many coveted victories. Our first game is scheduled in October with "Little Bishop's," our second in November against St. Francis Xavier, and the third against St. Joseph in December.

The Varsity has a new coach, Sharon Cannar, who also joins us as gym teacher.

Moderator of our athletics program, Sister Laurette, seems optimistic about the approaching season. When asked if she thought we would fair any better than we have in the past, Sister brightly replied, "Well, we can't do any worse!"



Ruth Fennessy

MARTHA BOUCHARD

An appealing brown-haired girl, this sophomore can be seen floating around the hallowed halls of Saint Angela many hours of the day and into the early hours of the night. A cub for our Ange'us, she also devotes her time to Library Club and Dramatics. Despite these extracurricular activities, Martha still manages to maintain an "over 90" average.



Rose Cosenza

JOANNE MIRTO

This staunch representative of SSL, Joanne is also a member of Athletics Club and has recently been elected as President of Cheerleading. She also belongs to the Student Council and can often be found in the Library performing new duties of a library aid.

Mission S.O.S.

One of the greatest obstacles to missionary progress is the great poverty which prevails in most areas. Can you help us to remove obstacles? Clothing: Have you any clothing you don't need and which is in fairly good condition? Books: Books of all kinds are needed in the Missions. Especially useful are readers, story books, religious pamphlets and magazines. Foods: Canned foods of all kinds, dehydrated foods. Medical supplies: Bandages, tape, antiseptics, salves, vitamin pills, aspirin, soap, etc.

Any help will be greatly appreciated. Mail to:

MISSION SUPPLY DEPT.
St. Paul's Abbey
Newton, N. J. 07860

SAH Welcomes Frosh

On Monday, September 14th, the halls of St. Angela's were once more buzzing with the happy, excited and eager laughter of her "Angies."

From their facial expressions, one could easily distinguish between the different classmen. First there were the seniors. They came with heads held high. Could it be graduation on their minds?

Next came the fun-loving juniors with smiles that seemed to say they had not quite lost all of their mischievous ways.

The sophomores were also ready to tackle another year. Their main thought — "How much trouble can I get into today?"

Standing out among the friendly familiar faces though, was another group, eager but shy; willing but baffled. Strange faces and yet faces known to everyone — faces of the freshmen.

Once again, as has been the tradition for over 50 years, these girls have come to begin the second link in their educational chain. After a week of breaking the ice, getting acclimated to the school and its upper-classmen, the freshmen find they all have one thing in common, they are all bewildered, bothered and bewildered.

As Maryanne Bassi put it, "I never had to move so much. I got lost." "Well, Maryanne, one thing you do learn is to move quickly — (that is if you value your life.)"

Some freshmen have already mastered the art of speed. Take for instance, Beatrice Barth, who jets around the fast way. Her only question is, "Why are the stairs waxed?"

Another aspect of high school life which intrigues the freshmen is activities. While Nancy DeRienzo thinks there are "quite a variety," Sandra Mannarino feels we could improve upon the selection. For example, Sandra suggests swimming, though she doesn't think that there would be enough room in the roof pool for three freshmen officials! Well Sandra, how does the gym sound to you?

All agree though, that lunch with the seniors is nice. According to Maureen McDonough and Kathy Lehman, "the seniors are very considerate and do not tease us." Another nice feature about lunch, is the eating! Though they had no idea what a *Torpedo* was, they courageously took the bull by the horns, only to be pleasantly surprised. "One of the best things about S.A.H. is good food," says Catherine Finneran.

I hope that all the freshmen, during their life at St. Angela's, will find many more "best things about it." My advice is, "Hang on girls, only three years and eight months till Graduation."

Angies Talk About

Sister Maria Frederick . . . Freshman-Senior Party . . . Ninth Period . . . Maureen and Lillian — our National Merit Scholars . . . "God is Love" . . . College Boards . . . HAMLET . . . Fordham N.Y.U. . . . Afternoon Dances . . . Boys . . . Student Council Induction . . . 204 Freshmen . . . "Let us begin" . . . Class buttons . . . Yearbook Drive . . . New Activity officers . . . Kennedy and Keating . . . Red China . . . College Catalogs . . . Boys . . . SAT and PSAT . . . Denouement, the passé composé of denuntio? . . . "The Frug" . . . A teacher allergic to chalk? Our own special Mass . . . Swimming pools on the roof . . . Senior Sisters . . . "Please, please Me." . . . L. B. J. and AUH₂O . . . Clothing drive . . . Can drive . . . Honor Roll . . . Sister Marie Antoinette's favorite sewing machine — "Louis XIV." Mirrors in the lower locker room . . . Stuffed Animals . . . Miss Stah-heeb . . . the Sister armed with scissors . . . Lady-Bugs . . . Inertia on the stairs . . . Men in dramatics . . . brown herring-bone jumpers . . . silent steps and halls . . . our fire fighters . . . no midterms . . . January trips . . . Retreat . . .

The Language of Fashion Assemblies Planned

This year the "T" in fashion stands for INTERNATIONAL, the key word for all fall fashions.

Wool is the major fabric of the season in a bold houndstooth or meek herringbone pattern. Skirts are pleated, complete with panels and pockets for action. Blouses are en Français with sailor collars or en Anglais featuring the ascot.

The French sailor, Spanish quilting, American pilgrim-collar and Saint Laurent white collars and cuffs, trimmed with black ribbon, all add up to the look in dresses. Important styles are the shift, shimmer, and dropped-waist blouse.

Scramble is the word! Stripes go in all directions and textured stockings go with everything. Plaids, polka dots, and checks are all combined for the latest look in suits. New and bright colors are being mixed with basic black and white.

So-be Bold, be In, and Swing!

Senior Hot Line

Who was the ring-a-ding senior who rang the bell twice within five minutes to begin a gym class? Who's the physicist who has defined a *poundal* as a "fora"? Knee socks and a wheel chair herald what smiling senior and her loyal friends? Seventh period lunch appeals to what freshman? And have we really seen a frosh walk out the door with her hat upside down?? When are the "infamous" letters of a chairman going to be published? Who is the R. S. fan who ran around the school borrowing money for a concert? Is that a six-gun we see in the pocketbook of a seventh-termer? What junior group of four was a smash at an afternoon dance? Do we see two junior officers slipping into class with a study book in their hands?

ANSWERS:

1. The Iliad by Homer.
2. Hamlet by Shakespeare.
3. Walden by Thoreau.
4. Moby Dick, by Herman Melville.
5. St. Joan by Bernard Shaw. (Visit them at the Library)

Since the beginning of the school year, our schedule for the fall assembly programs has been arranged by Sister Grace Avila. This term's varied program, consisting of plays, filmstrips, and visits from guest speakers, will surely be received enthusiastically by the students.

The Thanksgiving program, sponsored annually by the Sodality under Sister Joseph Irene, will emphasize the importance of giving food to the poor. The traditional entrance fee to this program will be a donation of canned goods.

The December 15th assembly will induct the following students into the National Honor Society: Marylou Celmer, Oksana Chomut, Maria Dell'Aira, Mary Didie, Madeline DeLorenzo, Maria DiStefano, Ruth Fennessy, Maura Fleeson, Margaret Jaksina, Joan Milea, Patricia Nieto, Josephine Owen, Katherine Plumb, Loretta Scalise, and Alannah Wilkinson. Sister James Catherine is the moderator of the National Society.

December 22nd and 23rd are the dates for our annual Christmas plays, one produced by the elementary school and one, produced and directed by the senior class.

The Science Club Wants You

New freshmen — wondering which club to join at St. Angela Hall? Why not consider the "What and Why Science Club!" Here is your opportunity to keep abreast and ahead of our constantly changing times.

The club meets every other Wednesday of the month in the laboratory and is under the direction of Sister Catherine Therese. It is not restricted to any particular field but delves into the many facets of science, all of them fascinating.

I Want to Know Why???

I want to know why, in this age of enlightenment, people still cling to the same old superstitions about food, about charms, and about certain days?

Why is spilling common table salt bad luck? Why is it important to always stir batter in the same direction? Do bubbles in the morning coffee really mean money is coming your ways?

Why does stepping on a sidewalk's cracks bring bad luck? Why is Friday the 13th bad luck? (Nothing ever happened to me on that day.) And how is it possible to dry an umbrella without opening it indoors?

What's so wrong about putting your shoes on the table, placing a hat on the bed, or trying on someone else's ring?

And what about all the good luck charm superstitions? What has a rabbit's foot got over a poor old black alley cat? I've never even seen a four-leaf clover.

I must end this little questionnaire now, because it is extremely hard to write with crossed fingers.

Katherine Garavuso

Perplexed

"Where am I going?" "How am I going to get there?" "Is there someone in this vast universe who can possibly understand me?" These are some of the many questions that flood the minds of teenagers today. I am especially aware of these questions and seldom have I lost them in the closets of my mind.

Each birthday brings the familiar words — "Now you're a year older." But what do the words actually mean? More responsibility or a greater understanding of the world are perhaps some ideas inherent in the words. Yet sometimes the year slips by and while we have received a greater understanding of our world, I find that our problems become a little larger and more difficult to solve.

One large problem for a teenager is her attempt to belong to the world as a complete human being — not to be always in that twilight land of adult-child or childish-adult. This is a period when she wants more out of tomorrow and sometimes does not do today justice. In school the ambition of one day seems to come alive when she sees the profession of teaching being so beautifully displayed. However, the next day, the farthest idea from her mind is "growing up" and fulfilling a vocation.

I suppose another picture we paint for the world is one of a "crazy mixed-up kid." We want something that can belong only to us and many times, these things are not accepted by the cultured and refined, who say we are wild and rebellious.

But today I have made an evaluation of my life. I have decided to look at life with wider eyes and a fresher spirit. I have decided not to feel alone in this old world and so separated and confused. I have found people who care about what a teenager thinks and are more aware of our problems than we are.

Right now the world seems so big and we are so small. We don't know where we are going, but I've found that by looking upon these teenage years not for an answer, but a way to the answer, we will find out where we are going and how we are going to get there.

These are the last sentences of five of the most famous books ever written.

1. "Thus was held the funeral of Hector, tamer of horses."
2. "Take up the bodies! Such a sight as this becomes the field, but here shows much amiss. Go bid the soldiers shoot."
3. Only that day dawns to which we are awake. There is more day to dawn. The sun is but a morning star."
4. On the second day a sail drew near, nearer, and picked me up at last. It was the devious cruising Rachel, that in her returning search after her missing children, only found another orphan.
5. "O God, that maddest this beautiful earth, when will it be ready to receive thy saints? How long, O Lord, how long?"

GOSSIP

Once in love and then no more
The birdie asks, "Who's crying?"
And yet you know it could not be
That he is silently pining.
But woodpecks come
To have their fun,
And in your wound go hunting
To see if there's not anything
That they can hum while flying.

The Ride of the Ice Brigade

One Friday night, not long ago,
The friends assembled each
one we know.
The faces shone as did the moon,
Because it was the end of June.
For school had ended just today,
An event for which each one
did pray.

Ah! Yes, how great to be alive.
T'was now the time for the
midnight drive.
Into the car did each 'ascurry,
As we rushed off in quit a hurry.
The car was packed from
brim to brim,
Due to the fact that none was
trim.

Howard Johnson's was our
destination.
There are three sixty three
across the nation.
Spring Valley's parlor was put
to a test,
When we arrived; I do not jest!
The ice cream specials were all
we could eat,
Since Friday's diet does not
include meat.

Hot fudge sundays and double
thick shakes,
Were accompanied by malteds
and rich chocolate cakes.
pistachio ice cream with
brownies galore,
Helped keep us all screaming
for more and for more.
The check was delivered 'twas
ten-thirty five
And when we all saw it, we
each nearly died.

Back into the car we skipped
and ahopped,
It seemed we'd all make it,
but one of us flopped.
And so to Spring Valley we all
waved good-bye,
So fast were we going, it
seemed we could fly
And so ends the story of the
(ice) fast riding set,
Who traveled so far for
ice cream to get?

A Speaking Rule

Speaking rather softly,
Is better some might say
Than Rants and Raves and
Howls when one wants
HIS Way.
So,
when your mind's made up
Don't raise your voice above
The soft sweet whisper
Of Christ's captured love.
A. Orlando

YOUTH

Who is it
that creates laughter
in the hearts of the weary?
That is innocent as a fawn
forest-lost,
And dependent on its mother?
G. Ungaro

Reflection

From the stairway door,
The mirror
Is our living room
Until . . .
You look again.
Now don't pretend.
Does it really look the same?
The door is there,
The rocking chair,
But
Something is not right.
What can it be?
There is a change!
Everything is rearranged!
Maryanne Williams

Reincarnations

two summers
after our friends had bid us
a farewell
in finality
I enter'd
and stared
in realization of awaken'd beauty
a forest.
I am a fawn.
a forest
so beauty-fully emerald'd
and fuzzily bright
in hues of
pine and mint.
You are a butterfly
with beautiful white wings
which carry you to heights
unknown and unmastered
winter'd wings
with fair artist's
sparse designing in ebony
and your rest —
perched prettily
on my left ear.

K. Chodor

ADVICE

Just for the pleasure of saying
"I advised"
They agreeingly smile,
'Yes, do it."
If all is well
Your bliss is theirs;
If it's not so,
Your faults, old and new,
Will be called upon
To pay the price of expenditure.

HURT

Suddenly
It comes
Like an unexpected storm.
A torrent of words
Beating on the heart,
Renting it to pieces.
Flashes of Anger
Brutal . . .
Unforgettable . . .
Run!
Search for shelter
From the downpour
Of Hatred.
Shield yourself.
Protect
Your Heart.

REFLECTION

From the stairway door
The mirror
Is our living room
Until
Dad coming home from work
Opens the door so wide,
A tree is growing on our floor
With rosebushes on the side,
Or a white fence rounds the room
With children hanging on the
gate.
And then again the door swings
closed,
And things are right within.
For only a mirror can make
It look outdoors,
When it is really in!

Problems, Problems, Problems!

"What is the teen-agers' most single serious problem?"

Insecurity is the teen-agers' most serious problem. Being a teenager is lots of fun for some but a painful age for others.

Too tall or too short can make life miserable. During this stage, popularity is most important to him. The shy suffer dreadfully wishing and praying he could be the life of the party. Nature also enters the picture with a problem called "acne." The awkwardness of teen-agers plus unsightly pimples hardly makes for self confidence.

Parents do not seem to be much help. They seem to run hot and cold. Sometimes they expect much from us, more than we can deliver, and, at other times, treat us as if we didn't have a brain in our heads. This causes confusion, with the teenager always trying to prove himself not only to his parents but also to his friends.

Then there is the teen-agers' complaint that they are not "understood." It is difficult to respect teen-agers if they do not show respect to their elders.

Confidence comes with time and from within. It matters not whether we are shapely or handsome; what matters is knowing that we are a special creature of God. Belonging to the "pack" is not the most important thing in life, for any "dog" can follow a pack but to stand alone is a challenge and a step toward adulthood.

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